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Kansas: The Cost of Inaction

Kansas Families Suffer

Kansas insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,007.
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,048.
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,377, a 121 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 47.6 percent of projected Kansas median family income.

More uninsured Kansans

- ✓ Every day, 70 Kansans lose their health insurance.
- ✓ During the last two years, 748,000 Kansans under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 31.4 percent of the under 65 population.
- ✓ In 2007, 340,373 Kansans under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 14.2 percent of the under 65 population.

Kansans pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Kansas families pay a “hidden tax” of \$900 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured.

Fewer choices due to consolidated market

- ✓ The two largest health insurance companies in Kansas have a combined market share of 56 percent.

Kansas Businesses Suffer

Fewer Kansans have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 70.3 percent of Kansans under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance.
- ✓ In 2007, 63 percent of Kansans had coverage through their employer.

Fewer Kansas small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 47.8 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees.
- ✓ In 2006, 39.6 percent of small businesses offered health benefits.

Kansas Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Kansas spent \$14.7 billion on health care.
- ✓ This spending level represents \$5,382 per capita, and is 14.4 percent of the Gross State Product.

Lost economic output of the uninsured due to shorter lives and poorer health

- ✓ This year, the Kansas economy will lose \$840 million - \$1.7 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured.